

Mrs. W. Schwass was ratified as the new auditor of the Haldale Avenue School P.T.A. At the same time Mrs. M. Buckley was ratified as assistant refreshment chairman.

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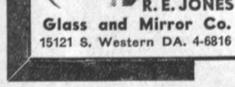
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 Appointment of Harry Jefferson Abbey as an elementary teacher in the Torrance Unified School District was approved by the Board of Education.

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Fire Chief Issues Warning Against Unvented Heaters

Fire Chief J. J. Benner today warned users of unvented open-flame space heaters that these heaters are definite fire hazards if not properly used.
 With chilly mornings already bringing many of these heaters into use, Chief Benner urged the public to observe four precautions which will reduce the danger from the use of open-flame heaters not vented to the outside air.
Pointers
 "First," he said, "locate heaters out of the foot traffic patterns of the room and away from drapes, chairs, and other combustible materials. Every year people are burned, usually women or children, when clothes accidentally catch fire from open-flame heaters. Never stand in front of heaters while dressing."
 "Use a metal connector to attach the heater to the gas piping," he warned. "Flexible cloth-covered hoses deteriorate and are the cause of fires."
Have It Checked
 "Third, have the heater checked periodically by the gas com-

pany or a competent service agency to be certain that it is in proper working order.
 "And, finally," he said, "keep the room well ventilated. Air is essential to life. Open-flame heaters may consume oxygen from a tightly closed room to the point where it becomes dangerous. Leave a window open at least one and a half inches, top and bottom, when the heater is in use. Never sleep in a room with an unvented space heater burning."
 Chief Benner explained that while the above precautions reduce the hazards of using unvented open-flame heaters, the best long-term solution is to replace them with vented heating equipment that carries the products of combustion out of the house through a vent pipe, and has the gas burner completely enclosed to eliminate the fire hazard.

Chamber To Collect Xmas Baskets Again

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce with the cooperation of service clubs, special groups, social organizations, P.T.A. and school clubs, will again act as the headquarters for distribution of Christmas baskets to the needy this year. Last year over 125 baskets were distributed.
 "Some groups are already arranging drives for canned goods, usable used clothing and discarded toys. Additional help is badly needed and we invite your cooperation and participation," stated Paul Loranger, president of the Chamber of Commerce. "Anyone wishing to participate or join in the program may receive further information by calling Dale Isentberg, chamber secretary at FA. 8-2814."

Lomita Men's Group To Hear Economist

Robert Dunn, instructor of economics and political science at Harbor Junior College, will speak to the Men's Group of the Lomita Baptist church at their dinner meeting on November 22 at 6:15 o'clock. Dunn will represent the Harbor Junior College's Faculty Speaker's Bureau, and his topic will be "Current Trends and the Future Outlook in the Economic Area in the United States."

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3 Students Winners Of JC Contest

Winners of the JayCee-sponsored Voice of Democracy speakers' contest were Judy Buffenbarger, first place; Don Kelly, second place; and Doris Popovich, third place.
 The three winners were chosen from among eight Torrance high school finalists who spoke on "I Speak for Democracy" at the dinner meeting of the Jay-Cees last Thursday.
 Judges included Bob Owens, John Willd, and Ed Karlov.
Prizes
 First prize included a \$34.95 Packard-Bell radio given through the courtesy of National Home Appliance Co., and Packard-Bell. Second and third prizes consisted of gifts from the Gay shop, Torrance Men's shop, Ray's Music shop and J. J. Newberry.
 Guests included THIS Vice Principal Dale Harter and John Hudson, public speaking instructor.
 Present as honored guest was Art Turney, State of California JayCee chairman for the Distinguished Service Award.
Finalists
 The eight high school finalists included Judy Buffenbarger, Doris Popovich, Don Kelly, Robert Owendyk, Janice Robertson, Gene Walker, Julie Muniz and Phyllis Hunt.
 JayCees also installed six new members Thursday night. They are John Agapito, Carter Hooker, Henry Perez, Frank Dussel, Les Fassenfelt, and Larry Batty. Ed Karlov was installing officer. Phil Lisman was chairman for the Voice of Democracy contest.

Improvements Care Center To Be Studied

A study to determine what must be done on the Day Care Center building in Torrance Park will be made, City Manager George Stevens stated and a plan for making any of the improvements will be worked out between the city and the center. It was determined by the City Council.
 Stevens maintained that the center did not need all the improvements recommended by the Building Department. A few of them, he said, would probably be sufficient to make it "safe."
 Clarification of the matter was requested by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools.

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